

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
October 22, 2003 Board Meeting

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Wednesday, October 22, 2003, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Eugene Maddox, DVM, President
Needham Bateman, DVM
Hugh Hill, DVM
Jan Hines, DVM
Charles Lance

Others Present:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director
Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary
Dominick Crea, Board Attorney

President Maddox established that a quorum was present, and the meeting scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes: Dr. Bateman made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes for the August 13, 2003, 2003 meeting.

Correspondence from Cathy Cox, Secretary of State regarding budget issues:
Viewed as **informational only**.

Ratify Licensee Candidates: Dr. Bateman made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the following list of applications for licensure issued through September 19, 2003:

License Number	Name	License Type
VET006969	Galante, Kristen Marie	Veterinarian
VET006970	McCann, Heather Mary	Veterinarian
VET006971	Mullins, John David	Veterinarian
VET006972	Herring, David Sheldon	Veterinarian
VET006973	Sexton, Robert Cary	Veterinarian
VET006974	Fowler, Katherine	Veterinarian
VET006975	Gera, Daniela Gina	Veterinarian
VET006976	Connelly, Sheila Yolitz	Veterinarian
VET006977	Corona, Gilberto	Veterinarian
VET006978	Newman, John Andrew	Veterinarian
VET006979	Creevy, Kate Elizabeth	Veterinarian
VET006980	Jackson, Courtney Nicole	Veterinarian
VET006981	Reddington, Danielle Renee	Veterinarian
VET006982	Fanikos, Michael Gregory	Veterinarian
VET006983	Baumgartner, Wes Areud	Veterinarian
VET006984	Pope, Michael J	Veterinarian
VET006985	Colwell, Frank Denton, II	Veterinarian
VET006986	Weyl, Keri Gail	Veterinarian
VET006987	Townes, Linsay Elizabeth	Veterinarian
VET006988	Averett, Erin Marie	Veterinarian
VET006989	Ramey, Jocelyn Clare	Veterinarian

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VET006990	Meyer, Amy Marceline	Veterinarian
VET006991	Jones, Randy Gene	Veterinarian
VET006992	Lacher, Erica Marie	Veterinarian
VETF000418	Mysore, Jagannatha V	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000419	Dean, Emily K	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000420	Slack, JoAnn	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000421	Stengel, Christiane	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000422	Riviera, Fernando Bilibio	Veterinary Faculty
VETT000401	Beaver, Crystal Dawn	Veterinary Technician
VETT000402	Bridges, Kristina	Veterinary Technician
VETT000403	Cauthen, Amy Miriah	Veterinary Technician
VETT000404	Cole, Lisa	Veterinary Technician
VETT000405	Cox, Tammy LaBreska	Veterinary Technician
VETT000406	Crowe, Stephanie Alica	Veterinary Technician
VETT000407	Cuthbertson, John Henry, Jr	Veterinary Technician
VETT000408	Dempsey, Robin A	Veterinary Technician
VETT000409	Dodd, Jennifer Lois Susanne	Veterinary Technician
VETT000410	Fox, Cheryl Jean	Veterinary Technician
VETT000411	Garrett, Jill Ellen	Veterinary Technician
VETT000412	Gladin, Ellen Maria	Veterinary Technician
VETT000413	Hardaway, Sarah McBee	Veterinary Technician
VETT000414	Hearn, Amber Lee	Veterinary Technician
VETT000415	Hiller, Justin Carlisle	Veterinary Technician
VETT000416	Horn, Jessica Ann	Veterinary Technician
VETT000417	Johnson, Ann C	Veterinary Technician
VETT000418	King, Ali H	Veterinary Technician
VETT000419	King, Amanda Lynne	Veterinary Technician
VETT000420	Klingler, Megan E	Veterinary Technician
VETT000421	Langley, April Dawn	Veterinary Technician
VETT000422	Lassen, May	Veterinary Technician
VETT000423	Lillie, Veronica S	Veterinary Technician
VETT000424	Losee, Colleen A	Veterinary Technician
VETT000425	Lowrie, Tricia Ann	Veterinary Technician
VETT000426	Moye, Meagan Alexandria	Veterinary Technician
VETT000427	Parham, Melanie Rene'	Veterinary Technician
VETT000428	Petot, Constance Mathilde	Veterinary Technician
VETT000429	Phillips, Leslie Marie	Veterinary Technician
VETT000430	Rollor, Daina M	Veterinary Technician
VETT000431	Sawyer, Sallie Rachel	Veterinary Technician
VETT000432	Seibel, Andrea Michelle	Veterinary Technician
VETT000433	Sewell, Jessica M	Veterinary Technician
VETT000434	Silva, Katherine A	Veterinary Technician
VETT000435	Smith, Caroline Rebecca	Veterinary Technician
VETT000436	Sprowls, Alison Lindsay	Veterinary Technician
VETT000437	Tucker, Elizabeth Camille	Veterinary Technician
VETT000438	Verner, Holly	Veterinary Technician

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VETT000439	Vinson, Ashlie	Veterinary Technician
VETT000440	Waggoner, Cynthia Anne	Veterinary Technician
VETT000441	Butler, Kristen M	Veterinary Technician
VETT000442	Pearce, Amanda Randell	Veterinary Technician

Compliance Reports: The Board accepted the compliance reports on the following as **informational only**:

- Darryl Mickle
- Don Howard

2003 Meeting Schedule: Dr. Hill motioned, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board reviewed and voted to **approve** the 2004 meeting schedule as submitted.

Correspondence from Steven Matthews regarding PAVE: The Board requested that the information be **tabled** until the next meeting.

2004 Vet Tech Exam Dates: Dr. Hill motioned, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the 2004 exam dates as submitted.

Ratify Reinstatements between August 13, 2003 and October 6, 2003: Dr. Hill motioned, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the following reinstatements:

License Number	Name	License Type
VET004327	Lynn T. Hagood	Veterinarian
VET006265	Shannon Ewing	Veterinarian
VET006280	Elise Kish	Veterinarian

Rule 700-16 Scope of Practice for Registered Veterinary Assistants: Dr. Hill motioned, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to **post** the Rule as amended.

Rule 700-16

700-16-.01 Immediate Supervision.

- (1) Immediate Supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is in audible and visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the animal.
 - (a) The following tasks can be performed by veterinary assistant under immediate supervision"
 1. Radiology assistance
 2. Surgical assistance.

700-16-.02 Direct Supervision.

- (1) Direct supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is quickly and easily available and that the animal patient has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.
 - (a) The following tasks can be performed by a veterinary assistant under direct supervision.
 1. Dental procedures limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth.
 2. Intravenous catheterizations

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3. Collection of blood; collection of feces; collection of urine by expression; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods except when in conflict with government regulations;

700-16-.03 Indirect Supervision.

(1) Indirect supervision means the licensed veterinarian is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal patient and the animal has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated health care task.

(a) The following tasks can be performed by a veterinary assistant under indirect supervision.

1. Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by oral or injectable routes, excluding rabies vaccine, for animals required to receive a rabies vaccine by Georgia law, (subcutaneous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, and intravenous), except when in conflict with government regulations;
2. Grooming procedures and non-invasive skin (topical) skin treatment
3. Handling of biohazardous waste materials.

700-16-.04 Emergency Treatment.

(1) Under conditions of an emergency, a veterinary assistant may render the following life-saving aid and treatment after identifying himself/herself as a veterinary assistant:

- (a) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;
- (b) Administration of parenteral fluids shall only be performed after direct communication with a Georgia licensed veterinarian, and such veterinarian is either present or enroute to the location of the distressed animal;
- (c) Resuscitative procedures;
- (d) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues;
- (e) Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases;
- (f) External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.

700-16-.05 Restrictions.

(1) Nothing in this rule shall be construed to permit a veterinary assistant to do the following:

- (a) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;
- (b) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances;
- (c) Perform surgery.
- (d) Administer a rabies vaccine.

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's office.

The board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

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Correspondence from Carole Miller at Athens Technical College of Veterinary Technology Program requesting exam results: The Board requested that a response be sent to Ms. Miller to **contact the students for the exam results.**

Internet Pharmacy Complaint Form: The Board **approved** the form as amended.

Correspondence form Ruth Kreps regarding veterinary technicians: The Board requested that a response be sent to Ms. Kreps that the information she provided in the correspondence are **duties that cannot be provided by licensed or unlicensed vet techs.**

Other Business:

Correspondence from Saralyn Hodges regarding small animal mobile ultrasound business: The Board requested that a response be sent to Ms. Hodges that in order to provide this service, the person performing the ultrasound procedure must be **employed under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.**

Correspondence from Diane Peek, DVM regarding continuing education requirements: The Board requested that a response be sent to Dr. Peek **denying** her request for an extension of a waiver of continuing education requirements. Dr. Peek must submit an additional 12 hours of continuing education not later than November 19th for review at the December 3rd meeting, or place her license on inactive status.

Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Maddox, Dr. Hines, and Mr. Lance. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendations regarding applications.

- **P.M.H.:** **Reinstate under Public Consent Order for unlicensed practice.** Expressed permission was granted by Dr. Maddox for the consent order to be signed by the Executive Director upon receipt.
- **J.C.K.:** **Approve** application for licensure.
- **M.P.S.:** **Approve** application for licensure.
- **K.J.W.:** **Approve** application for licensure.
- **T.M.A.:** **Approve** application for licensure.

Compliance report on M.F.: The Board accepted the compliance report as **informational only.**

Anita Martin, Executive Director's Report:

- Provided information regarding restructuring of boards
- Provided update to Rule 700-2-.03
- Provided update to Rule 700-14
- Provided copy of new Rule 700-16

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Dr. Bateman made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **post** Rule 700-2-.03.

Rule 700-2-.03

700-2-.03 Examination.

- (1) The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine has adopted the North American Veterinary Licensure Examination (NAVLE) administered by the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) as its examination for licensure. The application to take the NAVLE is separate from the application for licensure submitted to the Board. Any application to take the NAVLE sent to the Board will be returned to the applicant. All applications and fees for the NAVLE must be sent directly to the NBVME.
- (2) The Board shall certify to the NBVME the name of each person who has submitted an approved application for licensure. No person shall be certified by the Board to take the NAVLE unless an application for licensure has been submitted and approved.
 - (a) The NAVLE candidate must abide by all rules and regulations established by the NBVME concerning the NAVLE.
- (3) An applicant for licensure who graduated from foreign veterinary school must submit proof of enrollment in an ECFVG program from the American Veterinary Medical Association or an equivalent organization and if taking the ECFVG, proof of completion of Step 2 of the ECFVG documenting English proficiency prior to being certified to the NBVME to sit for the NAVLE.
- (4) A NAVLE score of 75 or greater is required for licensure consideration.
- (5) An applicant for licensure who does not obtain a NAVLE score of 75 or higher may reapply to sit for the NAVLE by submitting a re-certification request to the board office, pay the appropriate fee and submit a new application directly to the NBVME with any required fee.
- (6) No person shall take the requires examination(s) more than three times without review and approval by the Board. Approval may be provided under such circumstances, as the board deems appropriate.

Dr. Bateman made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **post** Rule 700-14 as amended.

Rule 700-14

SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

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700-14-.01 Immediate Supervision.

- (1) Immediate Supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is in audible and visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the animal.
- (2) A registered veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a Georgia licensed veterinarian may provide the following

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animal patient care under immediate supervision:

- (a) Induction of anesthesia;
- (b) Dental extraction not requiring sectioning of a tooth or the resectioning of bone;
- (c) Surgical assistance.

O.C.G.A. §§43-1-25, 43-50-21(a)(7), 43-50-50.

700-14-.02 Direct Supervision.

- (1) Direct supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is quickly and easily available and that the animal patient has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.
- (2) A registered veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a Georgia licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under direct supervision:
 - (a) Euthanasia;
 - (b) Blood or blood component collection, preparation and administration;
 - (c) Application of splints and slings;
 - (d) Dental procedures including, but not limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth.

O.C.G.A. §§43-1-25, 43-50-21(a)(7), 43-50-50.

700-14-.03 Indirect Supervision.

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- (2) A registered veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a Georgia licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under indirect supervision:
 - (a) Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by oral, parenteral and injectable routes, excluding rabies vaccine, for animals required to receive a rabies vaccine by Georgia law, (subcutaneous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, and intravenous), except when in conflict with government regulations;
 - (b) Initiation of parenteral fluid administration;
 - (c) Intravenous catheterizations;
 - (d) Radiography including settings, positioning, processing, and safety procedures;
 - (e) Collection of blood; collection of urine by expression; cystocentesis, or catheterization; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods except when in conflict with government regulations;
 - (f) Routine laboratory test procedures;
 - (g) Supervision of the handling of biohazardous waste materials.

O.C.G.A. §§43-1-25, 43-50-21(a)(7), 43-50-50.

700-14-.04 Emergency Treatment.

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- (g) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;
- (h) Administration of pharmacological agents and parenteral fluids shall only be performed after direct communication with a Georgia licensed veterinarian, and such veterinarian is either present or enroute to the location of the distressed animal;
- (i) Resuscitative procedures;
- (j) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues;
- (k) Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases;
- (l) External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.

O.C.G.A. §§43-1-25, 43-50-21(a)(7), 43-50-50.

700-14-.05 Restrictions.

- (1) Nothing in this rule shall be construed to permit a registered veterinary technician to do the following:
 - (e) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;
 - (f) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances;
 - (g) Perform surgery.
 - (h) Administer a rabies vaccine.

O.C.G.A. §§43-1-25, 43-50-21(a)(7), 43-50-50.

Dr. Bateman made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **post** Rule 700-16 as amended.

Rule 700-16

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- (i) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;
- (j) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances;
- (k) Perform surgery.
- (l) Administer a rabies vaccine.

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's office.

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Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Board Attorney.

Dominick Crea, Board Attorney's Report:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Bob Garbutt	Accept Public Consent Order

Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Enforcement Section.

Kathy Harvey, Enforcement Report:

<u>CASE NUMBER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
VET030074	Close
VET040004	Refer to AG for Public Consent Order
VET040010	Close
VET030030	Close
VET030031	Close
VET030032	Close
VET030033	Close
VET040017	Close

Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Cognizant Board member.

Eugene Maddox, Cognizant Report:

<u>CASE NUMBER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
07-03-010066/VET01100066	Refer to AG for Public Consent Order
VET030080	Uphold previous decision
VET030001	Schedule investigative interview
VET040003	Close with letter of concern
VET040006	Close with letter of concern
VET040009	Close with letter of concern
VET040012	Refer to AG for Public Consent Order
VET040013	Close
VET040014	Close
VET040015	Close-Not within Board's jurisdiction
VET040016	Close
VET040018	Close with letter of concern

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VET040019	Close
VET040020	Close with letter of concern

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2003 at 9:30 A.M.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 P.M.

Minutes recorded by: Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary

Minutes edited by: Anita O. Martin, Executive Director